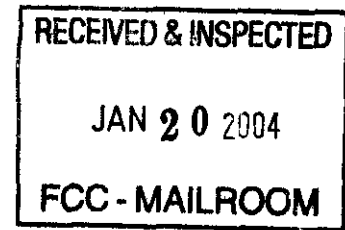


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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: **Notice of Ex Parte Communication**

CC Docket Nos. 96-262 and 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 16, 2004, Bill Courter and Bill Haas held a conversation by telephone with Senior Legal Advisor Matthew Brill regarding issues in the above-referenced docket concerning the possible impact on the facilities-based CLEC industry of various outcomes of the Commission's consideration of the Petitions for Reconsideration of the CLEC Access Charge Order.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William H. Courter".
William H. Courter
Assistant General Counsel

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